

MINUTES

UTAH GEOLOGY BOARD MEETING

June 7, 2007

**Room 402 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:10 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:19 A.M

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Dan S. Jones
Ann Naegelin

Board Members Present:

Dean Armstrong, Chair
Janet Roemmell
Dan Matthews
Richard Allis

Board Members Absent:

Jack Barnett

Guests:

DOPL Staff Present:

David Stanley, Division Director

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
MINUTES:

Ms. Roemmell made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2007 meeting as written. Mr. Allis seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS:
Sue Ann Bilbey
Probation Interview

Ms. Bilbey met for her final probation interview. She submitted documentation that the terms of the Plea in Abeyance have been completed. All charges have been withdrawn or dismissed. Ms. Roemmell made a motion to terminate probation. Mr. Allis seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Robert Ballou
Probation Interview

Mr. Ballou was unable to attend his probation interview. He will be scheduled for the October meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Education and Enforcement Fund

The Education and Enforcement Fund balance was reviewed. No action taken.

Mr. Armstrong reported the AEG is in process of putting together a conference. They would like to include the engineering community in the conference.

Ms. Roemmel made a motion for Mr. Armstrong to attend the COE and be the delegate for the Annual Meeting. Mr. Matthews seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Reporting and Enforcement Requirements

Mr. Jones gave an overview of the reporting and enforcement process for DOPL. The Geology profession does not have a duty to report requirement. Investigations are opened when a complaint is received from another licensee or the public, news reports, investigator field contacts, etc. There is an initial screening to determine if it rises to the level of an investigation. It is then assigned to an investigator. The investigator will review the facts and contact the parties involved. A minor case can be settled with a letter of warning. The letter of warning is not a public document. A citation is issued for offenses that meet the requirements in the rules. There are several levels of discipline, such as, probation, revocation, and fines. The investigator will try to reach a settlement. If a settlement cannot be reached, a hearing before the Board will be scheduled.

Mr. Armstrong inquired whether a reporting requirement should be added to the rules. Mr. Allis is concerned about requiring Utah Geological Survey to report to DOPL. UGS does not want to become a reporting agency; they want the jurisdictions to come to UGS for help. Being the police is detrimental to the purpose as a state agency. Mr. Jones thinks a reporting requirement would need to be added to the statute. Mr. Allis would like to wait before a reporting requirement is added. Ms. Roemmel is not sure she wants to make a statute change as this is a new profession. Some local jurisdictions are still trying to understand the profession and when a seal is required. Mr. Mathews thinks it would be helpful to add a reporting requirement. This item will continue to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Governor formed a committee to review failures. Mr. Allis will obtain a copy of the report from the Governor's committee. Gary Christensen is the chairman of the committee.

ASBOG Foundation

The Board discussed the response Mr. Jones received to his letter regarding the ASBOG Foundation. This topic will be discussed at the ASBOG Annual Meeting in Denver. The Board will continue to discuss this issue at the next Board meeting.

Expert Witness

The Board would like to discuss the expert witness language for the next meeting. Mr. Jones indicated that the Engineers and the Architects are waiting to see if a Bill is introduced to the legislature.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 A.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

9/13/2007
Date Approved

(ss) Dean Armstrong
Chairperson, Geology Board

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(ss) Dan S. Jones
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional
Licensing